STATE OF INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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BRENDA HAMBLIN,

Complainant,

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Indiana State Civil Rights Commission

DH TOYS, INC. d/b/a LEARNING EXPRESS; Respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On August 13, 2009, Robert D. Lange, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("ICRC"), entered his Proposed Findings Of Fact, Conclusions Of Law, And Order ("the proposed decision").

No objections have been filed to the ICRC's adoption of the proposed decision.

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises, the ICRC hereby adopts as its own the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order proposed by the ALJ in the proposed decision, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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Dated: 25 September 2009

To be served by first class mail on the following parties and attorneys of record:

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PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On August 12, 2009, Complainant, Brenda Hamblin ("Hamblin"), and Respondent DH Toys, Inc. d/b/a Learning Express ("DHT"), each by counsel, filed their Stipulation Of Dismissal.

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("ICRC") proposes that the ICRC enter the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. This proceeding involves Hamblin's claim that she was terminated from her position because she complained about sexual harassment. COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION (September 17, 2007).
- 2. DHT denies Hamblin's claim of unlawful discrimination. RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (October 3, 2007).

- 3. The Stipulation is expressly motivated by settlement.
- 4. There is no evidence of fraud, coercion, duress, or any other reason not to approve of the requested dismissal.
- 5. Any Conclusion Of Law that should have been deemed a Finding Of Fact is hereby adopted as such.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The ICRC has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties.
- 2. Settlement is a favored resolution and should be encouraged.
- 3. Administrative review of this proposed decision may be obtained by the filing of a writing identifying with reasonable particularity each basis of each objection within 15 days after service of this proposed decision. IC 4-21.5-3-29(d).
- 4. Any Finding Of Fact that should have been deemed a Conclusion Of Law is hereby adopted as such.

ORDER

- 1. The Joint Stipulation Of Dismissal is **GRANTED**.
- 2. Hamblin's complaint is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice.

Dated: 13 August 2009

Robert D. Lange

Administrative Law Judge

To be served by first class mail this 13th day of August, 2009 on the following party and attorneys of record:

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